

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A method of protection against the copying of digital data stored on an information carrier consisting in delivering a permission or a prohibition to copy and/or to play said digital data as a function of the identification or otherwise of at least ~~two elements from:~~

- an encryption of said digital data; and
- a watermarking of said digital data;
- ~~a recordable or non-recordable type of said information carrier;~~
- ~~a cryptographic signature accompanying said digital data.~~

2. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein a permission for digital copying is delivered when:

- an encryption of said digital data has been identified;
- a watermarking of said digital data has been identified;
- a non-recordable type of carrier has been identified; and
- a cryptographic signature accompanying said digital data has been identified.

3. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein a permission for digital copying is delivered when:

- an encryption of said digital data has not been identified; and
- a watermarking of said digital data has not been identified.

4. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein a prohibition of playing of said digital data is delivered when:

- an encryption of said digital data has not been identified; and
- a watermarking of said digital data has been identified.

5. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein a prohibition of copying is delivered when:

- an encryption of said digital data has been identified;
- a watermarking of said digital data has been identified; and
- a recordable type of carrier has been identified.

6. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein a prohibition of copying is delivered when:

- an encryption of said digital data has been identified;
- a watermarking of said digital data has been identified;
- a non-recordable type of carrier has been identified; and
- no cryptographic signature accompanying said digital data has been identified.

7. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein it comprises:

- a conversion of the digital data into analog signals; and
- a corruption of the analog signals if a prohibition of digital copying is delivered.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of protection according to claim 5 wherein the prohibition of digital copying comprises a blocking of output of the digital data.

9. (Currently amended) A device for playing digital data stored on an information carrier comprising at least:

[[ - ]] a digital output for delivering signals representative of the digital data upon playing said digital data;

an analog output for delivering analog signals representative of the digital data upon playing said digital data;

means for detecting:

- an encryption of said digital data;
- a watermarking of said digital data;
- a recordable or non-recordable type of said information carrier;

- a cryptographic signature accompanying said digital data;

[[ - ]] a system for decrypting said digital data when an encryption is detected;

a system for protection against the copying of said digital data receiving signals from said detection means and generating a copy permission signal or a copy prohibition signal ~~by employing the method according to claim 2~~ as a function of the signals received from said detection means;

recording control means blocking the signals delivered at the digital output when said recording control means receive a copy prohibition signal from the protection system;

a system for protection ~~of~~ against playing receiving signals from said detection means and generating a playing prohibition signal ~~by employing the method according to claim 3~~ when an encryption of said digital data has not been detected and a watermarking of said digital data has been detected by said detection means; and

playing control means interrupting the playing of the data or their output to the analog output when said ~~monitoring~~ playing control means receive a playing prohibition signal from the protection system.

10. (New) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein a permission or a prohibition to copy and/or to play said digital data is delivered as a further function of the identification of a recordable or non-recordable type of said information carrier.

11. (New) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein a permission or a prohibition to copy and/or to play said digital data is delivered as a further function of the identification or not of a cryptographic signature accompanying said digital data.

12. (New) The method of protection according to claim 6, wherein the prohibition of digital copying comprises a blocking of output of the digital data.